

IARR DAILY CREW REPORT
Southern Area Coordination Center

KNOXVILLE MODULE #3

DATE: 8/17/2013 **TIME:** 0930 (Alaska Time) **SHIFT DAY: 5**

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ORIGINAL INCIDENT NAME AND ORDER NUMBER:

2013 Alaska Large Fire Support AK-AKD-000011 GH6W [P] PDGH6W-1502 C-9 through C-13

CREW NAME(s) and RESOURCE ORDER NUMBER(s):

- TN-TNC-T2IA: C-9 (original). MID Stuart Creek 2 AK-MID-000280 PDHK8H 1502 C-71;
 Current: MID Mississippi AK-MID-000117 PDHH8N 1502 C-32
- MS Interagency #1-MIC: C-10 (original). **Current:** MID Mississippi AK-MID-000117 PDHH8N 1502 C-19
- VA-VIC-T2IA: C-11 (original). 8/13: UYD Crater Creek AK-UYD-000661 PDHT20 1502 C-15;
 Current: Joint Lake Fire AK-UYD-000475 PDHMJ9 C-2
- NC-NCS Asheville #1: C-12 (original). **Current:** UYD Birch Creek AK-UYD-000506 PDHNF9 1502 C-4
- NC-NCF #2: C-13 (original). **Current:** UYD Birch Creek AK-UYD-000506 PDHNF9 1502 C-5

CURRENT LOCATION OF EACH CREW IN MODULE:

- TN-TNC-T2IA and MS Interagency #1-MIC: Assigned to the Mississippi Fire 100 miles SE of Fairbanks, near Delta Junction.
- VA-VIC-T2IA: Assigned to the Joint Lake Fire in upper Yukon Territory near Venete AK.
- NC-NCS Asheville #1 and NC-NCF #2: These two crews are both assigned to the Birch Creek Fire 120 miles northeast of Fairbanks AK. ICP is at Central AK.

TODAY'S CREW ASSIGNMENTS:

- TN-TNC-T2IA: To be assigned today on the Mississippi fire.
- MS Interagency #1-MIC: Assigned to Branch II Div. F, Crews will secure and mop up fire line from previous day's burn operation in Div F and continue to the west.
- VA-VIC-T2IA: Assigned to Fire 475 Joint Lake, Today's observed fire behavior was smoldering fire. Crews are continuing to mop up along the edge of the fire..
- NC-NCS Asheville #1 and NC-NCF #2: Assigned to Div. T, continue indirect line construction from Portage Creek to Medicine Lake, Locate and construct medevac spots as needed, Continue construction of hose lay.

MORALE OF CREWS: Very Good

INJURIES: None

MESSAGE: Jim and I are visiting the Mississippi Fire today where the TN and MS crews are assigned. We will find out what the TN crew assignment is and note in our PM report tonight.

Yesterday Jim and I visited with the IC in Venete AK where the VA crew is assigned to the Joint Lake fire. The crew is doing very well. They are working with a local Venete tribal crew (the only 2 crews working the 4300 acre fire) and are well supported in an ideal remote Yukon camp setting. The crews are focusing on just a small portion of the line that spotted over the river containing the fire. The fire is on F&W lands, and the portion they are working on is on native lands. The tribe wants the fire out on their lands. The IC said that their work was nearly done and likely they would have to be up for reassignment as early as Monday. In the several hours we were in Venete we met and spoke with other tribal members of Venete who were working as camp crew and other positions. If the VA crew has taken the opportunity to interact with the Venete crew it will likely be a remarkable cultural exchange for all concerned. Jim and I really enjoyed meeting and talking with these remarkable folks that take near 24 hr daylight in the summer and near 24 hr nighttime in the winter, and 40 to 70 below winter temps, for granted...smiles... Also, while there, an Alaskan Black Bear trekked 100 yds from the ICP.

We continue to receive very good reports on our southern region crews. / john and jim